

# Vanik Drafting Bill to Curb CIA Power

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WOOSTER — Tight congressional control over money and methods of the Central Intelligence Agency was called for last night by U.S. Rep. Charles A. Vanik, D-21, Cleveland.

Vanik, in an address to Wayne County Democrats at nearby West Salem, revealed he was drafting legislation to curb the CIA.

CONTINUING disclosures of how the CIA has been subsidizing youth, educational and labor groups indicates Americans "have been paying for their own brainwashing service," Vanik said.

"Every citizen can ask whether his neighbor is in the pay of CIA," he added.

Vanik conceded a need for the superspy agency. But he said that Congress had by default granted the CIA unrestrained power and money "to subvert the constitutional

rights of American citizens and American organizations."

NOBODY REALLY knows what the CIA is up to, Vanik said, and the scattering of its sources of funds throughout the U.S. budget is a "budgetary fraud."

"While the nature of specific CIA work requires secrecy, total CIA spending, purposes and procedures should be openly discussed," he said.

Charging that the present congressional committee that is supposed to oversee the CIA is powerless and ineffective, Vanik said his bill would call for:

- Undetailed disclosure in the budget of all CIA expenditures.
- Clear definition of CIA purposes and functions.
- A permanent 10-man joint congressional committee that would devote its full time and energy to checking on the CIA.

Five members would be appointed from the Senate and

five from the House. Six would be appointed by the majority party and four by the minority, subject to approval by the full Senate and House.

"There is a way to permit the CIA to do its necessary work for democracy and for a democracy without utilizing the manner or the method of a despot," Vanik said.

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